SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Attention: 401 Coordinator

Project Applicant: County of SLO Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Kate

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Applicant's Agent: County of SLO Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Blaize Uva

Project Name: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project

Receiving Water: San Luis Obispo Creek

City/County: San Luis Obispo / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: October 11, 2021 - November 1, 2021

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to implement flood control and habitat restoration activities along San Luis Obispo Creek.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction of the Bianchi and South Street Bypass channels;
- Excavation of four benches above the ordinary high water mark;
- Removal of sediment accumulated at the Marsh Street Bridge;
- Replacement of the Bianchi Lane Bridge;
- Removal of invasive species; and
- Implementation of a riparian revegetation plan.

Proposed Mitigation:

Enhancement of 0.32 acres / 552 linear feet of stream channel and 0.06 acres / 370 linear feet of riparian habitat.

County of SLO Flood Control and Water Conservation District filed an Environmental Impact Report in 2017.

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